
**Decision Session – Executive Member for
Transport**

20 February 2020

Report of the Assistant Director of Transport, Highways & Environment

**Consideration of Objections Received to Proposed Traffic Regulation
Order Changes at Piccadilly**

Summary

1. To consider the objections made to a proposal to create Blue badge holder and loading bay provision in Piccadilly.

Recommendation

2. It is recommended that:

Option 1 be agreed and the revised restrictions be introduced as advertised.

Reason: to provide Blue badge only parking close to the city centre in response to the outcome of the consultation on the revised city centre access restrictions and control measures.

Background

3. During the consultation on the revision to the city centre access restrictions requests were for additional on street blue badge holder facilities close to the city centre where the maximum stay was not restricted to 3 hours (3 hours parking is the maximum allowed nationally on yellow lines for blue badge holders).
4. The proposal put forward for Piccadilly (as shown in Annex A) included a period for loading in recognition of the need for businesses to make and receive deliveries. Hence the proposal was to:

Change the hours of operation of the under used taxi rank outside the Sainsbury's from 11am – 6am the following morning to:

- Taxi rank 6pm – 6am
- Loading bay 6am – 11am
- Blue badge holder parking 11am - 6pm with no maximum stay within that period

On the opposite side of the road, change the hours of operation of the 6pm to 8am the following morning on street parking bay to:

- Loading bay 6am – 11am
- Blue badge holder parking 11am - 6am the following morning

5. The above proposals provide a total of 8 parking spaces for blue badge holders.

Consultation

6. The proposals were advertised in the usual manner of notices on street, in the local press, to the statutory consultees and delivered to the adjacent properties, this exceeds to legal minimum. In addition, organisations representing the interests of Blue badge holders were also informed of the proposals.
7. During the 4 week advertising period (it's normally 3 weeks but this was extended to 4 due to the inclusion of changes to the taxi rank that has slightly different legislation) 4 representations were received, 2 in support and 2 against. These are reproduced in full in Annex B.
8. The reasons for objecting can be summed up as concerns about the reduction in the ability to continue with their current practises. This is an accurate assessment and was anticipated during the preparation of the proposals. However when balanced against the desire to provide enhanced parking provision for members of the community who have reduced mobility it is considered a reasonable change.

Options for Consideration

9. Option 1 – implement the proposed restrictions as advertised. This is the recommended option because it helps to mitigate the changes made to the city centre pedestrian zone.

10. Option 2 – consider advertising a revised set of restrictions. This is not the recommended option because there is no practical way of providing improvements for blue badge holders without impacting on other users.
11. Option 3 – drop the proposals and take no further action. This is not the recommended option because it would not deliver the desired improvements for blue badge holder parking.

Council Plan

12. The above proposal contributes to the Council Plan of:

- A prosperous city for all,
- A council that listens to residents

Implications

13. This report has the following implications:

Financial – None.

Human Resources – None

Equalities – provides on street parking for longer than 3 hours close to the pedestrian zone.

Legal – None.

Crime and Disorder – None

Information Technology - None

Land – None

Other – None

Risk Management

14. None.

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Specialist Implications Officer(s)

None.

Wards Affected: Guildhall,

All

For further information please contact the author of the report.

Background Papers: None.

Annexes:

Annex A Plan of the proposals

Annex B The representations